

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1020

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Edie Williams for surviving cancer.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who have courageously battled life threatening illnesses and can proudly call themselves survivors, offering hope and inspiration to their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable survivor is Edie Williams, who was diagnosed with Stage Three breast cancer in April of 2006; and

WHEREAS, in addition to bravely undergoing surgery to remove the tumor and sixteen lymph nodes under her left arm, Ms. Williams also received chemotherapy and radiation treatments to destroy the cancer; and

WHEREAS, nearly two years later, Edie Williams is in recovery and feeling better by the day; and

WHEREAS, the road to recovery was a hard fought one, with Ms. Williams suffering severe nausea, migraine headaches, and hair loss; and

WHEREAS, possessed of an indomitable spirit, Ms. Williams, a teacher at Hilham Middle School, persevered through her sickness by focusing on the well being and education of her students; throughout her treatment she only missed five days of work; and

WHEREAS, Edie Williams' students responded with compassion and loyalty, helping her in numerous ways and offering support and encouragement; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Ms. Williams was named Overton County Teacher of the year, an honor most befitting her outstanding commitment to her career in the face of such adversity; and

WHEREAS, Edie Williams is an extremely talented and compassionate educator whose life lessons on faith, determination, and recovery truly serve as an inspiration to her fellow citizens and her students; and

WHEREAS, Edie Williams' dedication to excellence and display of courage and perseverance is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Edie Williams for courageously battling and surviving breast cancer and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we wish Ms. Williams continued success in her recovery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.